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At the Court at Kenſington, *the 23d of* May, 1712.

PRESENT,

The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

THIS Day the Right Honourable George Earl of Northampton, being, by Her Majeſty's Letters Patents, Conſtituted Conſtable of Her Majeſty's Tower of London, and Lord Lieutenant of the Tower Hamlets, took the uſual Oaths.

As likewiſe Charles Duke of Shrewsbury, for Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Salop.

George Duke of Northumberland, for Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Berks.

Mountague Earl of Abingdon, for Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Oxford.

Nathaniel Lord Crew, Lord Biſhop of Durham, for Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Durham.

Lisbon, May 24. *N. S.* The Lord Portmore is gone to the Frontier, where our Forces are canton'd about Eſtremos, Elvas, Villaviciosa, Borba, and the neighbouring Places: We have this Day advice from thence, that the Marquis de Bay has paſs'd the Caya with a ſtrong Body of Horſe, and we hourly expect to hear of the further Motions of the Enemy. Commodore Morrice ſail'd from hence for the Streights on the Firſt Inſtant; and on the Second, Admiral Baker ſet Sail for the Weſtern Iſlands, in order to meet with the Ships coming from Brazil, and convoy them ſafe into this Harbour. The Convoy for England and Holland, conſiſting of Five Engliſh and as many Dutch Men of War, under Commodore Crowe, are to Sail to Morrow.

Florence, May 17. *N. S.* Our freſheſt Advices from the German Camp import, that the Garriſon of Monte Philippo, being about One hundred and ſixty Men, were made Priſoners of War, but that the Garriſon of Porto Ercole, conſiſting of Five hundred Men, were permitted to march out with the uſual Marks of Honour, excepting that they were to take no Cannon, nor Perſons in Masks along with them, as they had deſired: There were found in theſe two Places Thirty four Braſs, and Twenty two Iron Pieces of Cannon, two Mortars, and a great quantity of Ammunition and Proviſions. The whole loſs of the Beſiegers amounted only to Thirty ſix Men Kill'd, and Fifty Wounded. The Camp is broke up, and the Imperial Troops continue their March towards the Milaneſe. The Great Prince of Tuſcany has of late been ſeveral times abroad to take the Air, being in a much better State of Health than he has been formerly. The Auditor Antenori is to go as the Great Duke's Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Vienna, and the Cavalier Gondi is to ſet out from hence with the ſame Character, to carry a Compliment of Condolance upon the Death of the late Dauphin, to the Court of France.

Hanover, May 31. *N. S.* The Count de Lagnaſco, Envoy from King Auguſtus to the King of Denmark, came hither ſome Days ſince from Coldingen, and is this Day ſet forward on his Journey to Utrecht, to aſſiſt as Plenipotentiary from the King his Maſter at the Congreſs which is held there for a General Peace. The Margrave of Anſpach ſent one of his Counſellors to the Elector and Electreſs, to deſire them to be Godfather and Godmother to a young Prince, of which the Margravine was brought to Bed ſome Days ſince. We have Advice that the Differences between the King of Denmark and the Court of Gottorp are adjuſted, and that a Treaty has been Signed by both Parties. There are Endeavours uſed to obtain a Ceſſation of the Hoſtilities between the Danes and Suedes upon the Elbe, and it is hop'd an Act of Neutrality will be Signed, ſo as the Liberty of Commerce may be re-eſtabliſhed to the Town of Hamburg. Letters from Dreſden import, that King Auguſtus having found that the Waters at Carelsbad, were ſpoiled by an Earthquake, was gone to Toplitz, to make uſe of the Waters of that Place.

From the Camp at Solemes, May 28. *N. S.* The great Convoy of Artillery and Ammunition, conſiſting of an Hundred forty ſeven Boats, which came from Gand to Tournay, is arriv'd at Marchiennes, and will proceed from thence under the Guard of Count Vehlen with the Palatin Troops, and Six hundred Men out of the Garriſon of Tournay. In order to ſecure all ſuch Convoys as ſhall be ſent from Marchiennes to the Camp, a Body of Troops, conſiſting of Thirty Squadrons of Horſe, and Thirteen Battalions of Foot, under the Command of the Earl of Albemarle, is encamp'd at Denain on the other ſide of the Schelde, out of which his Lordſhip is, upon occaſion, to furniſh ſuch a Number of Forces as may be neceſſary to Guard the Lines drawn from that Place to the Scarpe. We have Intelligence from the Camp of the Enemy, that when the Detachment of Four thouſand Horſe of both our Armies, and all the Grenadiers of the Duke of Ormond's Army, advanc'd as far as the Source of the Schelde, the French endeavour'd to ſecure the Abby of Fochel, and are now making Retrenchments upon all the Paſſages of the Schelde, below that Place. We have Intelligence from Cambray, that the ſame Day, about Five a Clock in the Morning, all the Officers march'd out of the Town to the Camp, but return'd about Two in the Afternoon, when they began to perceive that there was only a Detachment ſent to obſerve their Motions and view their Situation.

From the Confederate Camp at Haſpre, *May* 29. This Day our Army made a General Forage towards Cambray. The Earl of Albemarle continues ſtill at Denain with his Detachment, within a League and an half from Valenciennes, and both the Armies are in their ſeveral Poſts, without any notice of their marching. It is hourly expected that the Convoy from Marchiennes ſhould arrive in the Camp.

From the Camp at Solemes, June 1. *N. S.* Yeſterday his Grace the Duke of Ormond reviewed the ſix Regiments of Britiſh Foot, which did not join the Army till we came to this Camp; and his Grace had the Satisfaction to find them all in very good Order. Both our Armies, and that of the Enemy, continue in their former Camps; but the Enemy have ſent Four and twenty Squadrons of Dragoons

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